What is claimed is:

1. A method of migrating configuration data from a first executable product to a second executable product, the method comprising the steps of:

instructing the first executable product to provide a file containing selected configuration data; and

producing, by the first executable product, the file containing the selected configuration data in a format acceptable to the second executable product.

2. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

reading the file by the second executable product; and

configuring the second executable product for operation using the selected configuration data contained in the file.

3. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

modifying the first executable product to respond to a command by an external agent to provide the selected configuration data in the format acceptable to the second executable product.

4. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 1, wherein the step of instructing is accomplished by providing a parameter recognized by the first executable product.

5. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 4, wherein the parameter is recognized at initial startup of the first executable product.

6. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 4, wherein the parameter is recognized during normal operation of the first executable product.

7. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

modifying the file produced by the first executable product, wherein additional data is incorporated into the file for purposes of configuring the second executable product.

8. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 7, wherein the step of modifying is performed by editing the file.

9. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 7, wherein the step of modifying is performed by a third executable product.

10. A first executable code for migrating configuration data to a second executable code, the first executable code comprising:

a function for receiving a command from an external agent;

a function responsive to the receiving of the command for obtaining configuration data available to the first executable code which is useful to the second executable code;

a function for arranging the data according to a format usable by the second executable code; and

a function for writing the data to one or more external media for access by the second executable code.

11. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the external agent is a command issued from a computer terminal by a human operator.

12. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the external agent is a scripted command issued through execution of a batch file.

13. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the external agent is a system scheduler that issues the command at a pre-determined time.

14. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the external media are persistent.

15. The first executable code according to Claim 14, wherein the external media comprise one or more disk files.

16. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the data is obtained from one or more internal control blocks accessible by the first executable code.

17. The first executable code according to Claim 16, wherein the internal control blocks were constructed by the first executable code using configuration files and command line parameters.

18. A computer program product for migrating configuration data used by a first computer process to a second computer process requiring a set of data arranged in a format, the computer program product being embodied on one or more computer-readable media and comprising:

computer-readable program code means for responding to a command presented by an external agent to produce a file according to the format, the file containing selected configuration data, the computer-readable program code means for responding contained in the first computer process;

computer-readable program code means for outputting the file to a selected location, the computer-readable program code means for outputting contained in the first computer process; and

computer-readable program code means for reading the file from the selected location, the computer-readable program code means for reading contained in the second computer process.

19. A system for migrating configuration data, the system comprising:

a first executable product capable of providing a file containing selected configuration data arranged in a format; and

a second executable product responsive to the format, wherein the second executable product accesses the file to obtain the configuration data.

20. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the capability of providing the file containing the selected configuration data arranged in the format is implemented as a modification to the first executable product, the modification comprising:

means for receiving a command from an external agent;

means, responsive to the receiving of the command, for obtaining those configuration data available to the first executable product which are useful to the second executable product;

means for arranging the obtained data according to the format usable by the second executable product; and

means for writing the obtained data to one or more external media for access by the second executable product.

21. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the configuration data is obtained from one or more internal tables of the first executable product.

22. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the configuration data is obtained from a configuration file

23. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the configuration data is obtained in response to a startup parameter.

24. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the configuration data is obtained in response to a command provided by an external agent.

25. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the second computer product is a replacement for the first computer product.

26. A data migration utility, comprising:

means for accessing selected configuration data;

means for formatting the selected configuration data according to a format recognized by a computer program; and

means for outputting the selected configuration, according to the format, on one or more storage media recognized by the computer program.

27. The data migration utility according to Claim 26, wherein the configuration data comprises one or more of messages, command parameters, disk files, and external tables.

28. The data migration utility according to Claim 26, wherein the storage media comprises one or more of disk, volatile memory, CDROM, and EEPROM.